

In the Claims

1 (currently amended): A herbicidal composition, comprising an effective amount of one or more post-emergence herbicides and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof, with the proviso that herbicidal compositions comprising paraquat and fuller's earth shall be excluded- and that the one or more post-emergence herbicides are the only herbicidally active compounds in the composition.

2 (original): The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, comprising

- a) from 0.15 to 48% by weight of one or more herbicides,
- b) from 2 to 90% by weight of a carrier material and
- c) from 0 to 97% by weight of a solvent.

3 (original): The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the herbicide is from the group of the herbicides with foliar action.

4 (previously presented): The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the herbicide is selected from the group consisting of bilanafos, diquat, glufosinate-ammonium, glyphosate and paraquat.

5 (previously presented): The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the herbicide is glufosinate-ammonium.

6 (previously presented): The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the carrier materials are selected from the group consisting of aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof.

7 (currently amended): The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, which additionally comprises at least one substance selected from the group consisting of ~~pre-emergence herbicides, plant growth regulators,~~ fungicides, insecticides, safeners, nutrients, seed dressings and fertilizers.

8 (previously presented): The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, which additionally comprises at least one additive selected from the group consisting of surfactants, wetting agents, emulsifiers, adjuvants, ammonium salts, preservatives, colorants, antifoams, tackifiers, solvents, buffer systems and UV stabilizers.

9 (previously presented): The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of alkyl ether sulfonates, ammonium sulfate and ammonium nitrate.

10-13 (canceled)

14 (currently amended): A method for controlling the growth of undesirable harmful plants pre-emergently with a post-emergence herbicide, said method comprises applying a herbicidal composition ~~according to claim 1~~ to an environment when said undesirable harmful

plant will reside prior to the emergence of said harmful plants, wherein the herbicidal composition comprises an effective amount of one or more post-emergence herbicides and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof, with the proviso that the herbicidal composition does not comprise paraquat and fuller's earth.

15 (previously presented): The method according to claim 14, wherein the environment further comprises a crop of useful plants and the herbicidal composition further comprises on a herbicidally active compound to which the crops of useful plants are tolerant.

16 (previously presented): The method according to claim 15, wherein the crop of useful plants are plants that are genetically modified.

17 (previously presented): A pre-emergence herbicidal composition, which comprises an effective amount of one or more post-emergence herbicides and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof, with the proviso that herbicidal compositions comprising paraquat and fuller's earth shall be excluded.